Congestion and Performance Measures Performance Audit

Audit Description

- Over next 5 years, effectiveness of WSDOT investments and infrastructure utilizations:
 - Reducing delay time for the greatest for the greatest possible majority of highway users that pay the greatest percentage of highway construction, improvement, and maintenance costs, and maximizing vehicle and user throughput
- In not efficient and effective, determine impact on delay time for greatest possible majority of users (includes job opportunities, health & other costs), vehicle and user throughput; business costs (time, labor, lost revenue & freight mobility); emergency response; lost tax revenue or tax base to the state and municipalities; and pollution.
- The firm will determine what can be done to reduce these impacts.
- The audit will also review WSDOT's use of performance measures to assess its efficiency and effectiveness

Selected Firm and Award Amount

None awarded yet

Executive Responsible

Doug MacDonald, Secretary

Key Project Milestones

- Preliminary planning stage.
- RFP for an audit contract may be issued by 9/15/06.

WSDOT Preparation

- 6/21/06 Director of Internal Audit met with SAO to discuss their approach for this audit
- 6/26/06 SAO provided WSDOT with an early draft of audit objectives.
- 6/29/06 Director of Strategic Assessment and Perf. Audit Manager met with SAO's transportation performance audit manager and provided an annotated bibliography

and supporting documents on congestion, with information concerning efforts at the federal and state level.

- 7/21/06 WSDOT audit working team met to discuss proposed audit scope and objectives.
- 9/1/06 Secretary MacDonald and TRAC Director Mark Hallenbeck met with SAO to discuss audit objectives. WSDOT expressed concerns about the difficulty in providing objective criteria for the audit.
- 9/7/06 WSDOT provided information on the highway systems the SAO plans to address, as well as information from the *Gray Notebook* on measuring congestion.